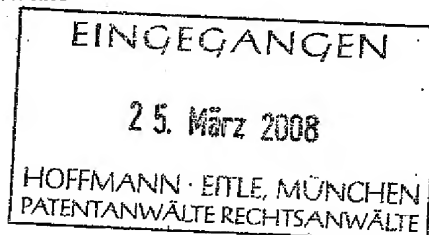


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A silver halide color photographic material and image forming method comprising high chloride grains of specific core/shell structure (a, b, c)

2. claims: 1(part),10-15,29(part),38-43

A silver halide color photographic material and image forming method comprising high chloride grains and a spectral or sulfur sensitizer (d, e)

3. claims: 16(part),17-26

An image forming method comprising a silver halide color photographic material with a phenolic cyan coupler and processing at high conveying speed

4. claims: 16(part), 27,28

An image forming method comprising a silver halide color photographic material with a mercapto stabilizer and processing at high conveying speed

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